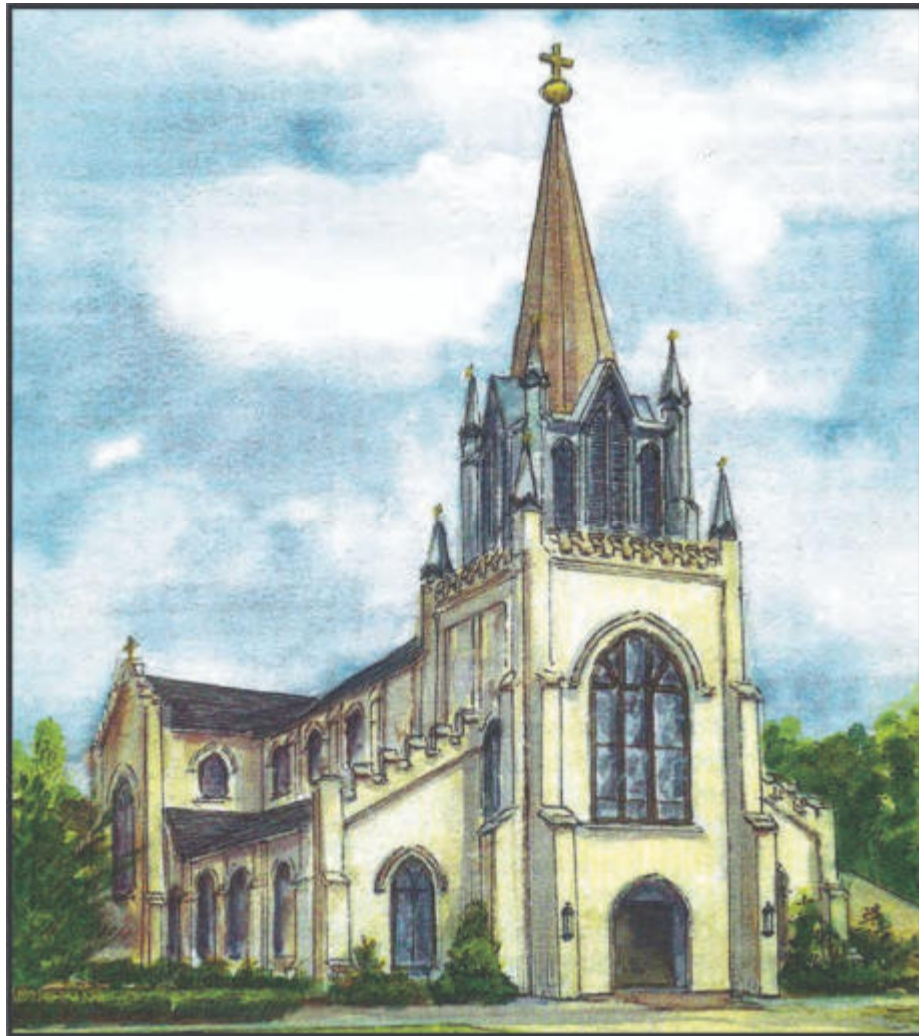


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December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent
cf. Isaiah 45:8

*Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the
Just One; let the earth be opened and
bring forth a savior.*



DECEMBER MASS SCHEDULES

December 24 – Christmas Eve 4:00 pm (children’s mass) and 6:00 pm

December 25 – Christmas Day 10:00 am

January 1, 2021 – Feast of Mary – 10:00 am

The Altar Flowers for Christmas are donated in memory of Janet Kay Hammock

GOSPEL MEDITATION - SUMMONED BY GOD

As Christmas draws near, Advent’s scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today’s Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph’s courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God’s holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

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2021 CHURCH CALENDAR – DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY

The 2021 Church Calendars, *Devotions to Our Lady*, have arrived and are located on the tables in the back of the church. Please be sure to pick up your copy or bring one to a parishioner who is unable to come to mass.

GOLD AND SILVER WEDDING JUBILEE... Anniversary Mass

All couples celebrating their Silver or Gold (25th or 50th) Wedding Anniversary in 2021 are invited to join The Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes, Bishop of Savannah, for a special Mass on Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist.



Those wishing to attend should contact their parish office or register online at <https://www.diosav.org/gold-and-silver> by December 21, 2020 in order to receive the formal invitation with detailed information.

Please call the Diocesan Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life at 912.201.4068 with questions


ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (Progress Report as of 12/11/2020)

Our Goal - \$59,925; Pledged - \$8401 with \$7,583 paid on pledge; One-time donations - \$40,109.60 with total of \$47,692.60 given which is 79.59% of our goal. Of 579 parishioners, 100 have donated for 17.27% participation

OFFERTORY

December 13, 2020 - \$14,397.29. December 16, 2019 - \$9,438.30

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Dec. 19	Judy Hardy	Memorial	
Sunday	Dec. 20	Pro Populo		
Monday	Dec. 21	Francisco & Gloria Obregon	Memorial	
Tuesday	Dec. 22	Dianne Lopez	Memorial	
Thursday	Dec. 24 4 PM	Randy Schmidt	Memorial	
	6 PM	Bryant McLendon	Birthday	
Friday	Dec. 25	Pro Populo		
Saturday	Dec. 26	Joe Sandri, Jr.	Special Intentions	

DATE

MASS

LECTOR

HOST MINISTERS

Sat. Dec. 19	5:00 PM.	Darlene Bucholz	Donna Hix, Ish Nazario, Eleanor Balauitan
Sun. Dec. 20	11:00 AM	Lorrie Kasych	Dcn DeWayne Tillman, Maureen Tillman, Patty Taylor
Thurs. Dec. 24	4:00 PM	Carlos Lopez	Roy & Joan Waters, Patty Taylor
	6:00 PM	Bob Jeswald	David & Linda Turner, Walter Calhoun
Fri. Dec. 25	10:00 AM	Maureen Tillman	Dcn DeWayne Tillman, Wanda Vaughn, Teresa Portillos

TODAY'S READINGS – Sunday December 27, 2020

First Reading — He who reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother (Sirach 3:2-6)

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128:1-2)

Second Reading — Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, with one another. (Colossians 3:12-21)

Gospel — Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel (Luke 2:22 – 40)

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